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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: SAG REQUESTS USG PROVIDE FNLA/UNITA WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT

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- 1. IN RESPONDING TO SADF CHIEF OF STAFF'S REQUEST OF NOVEMBER 18 FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR UNITA/FNLA, DEFENSE ATTACHE SHOULD ADHERE CLOSELY TO LANGUAGE OF FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.
- 2. USG APPRECIATES AND SHARES SOUTH AFRICA'S CONCERN OVER DANGEROUS AND PROVOCATIVE ROLE SOVIETS AND CUBANS ARE PLAYING IN ANGOLA. WE DEPLORE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE MPLA IN ITS REJECTION OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT AND ITS PURSUIT OF MILITARY CONQUEST. WE WOULD REGARD THE IMPOSITION BY FORCE OF A SOVIET/CUBAN-BACKED MPLA REGIME IN ANGOLA WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FNLA AND UNITA ARE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE ARMS ADEQUATE TO

THEIR DEFENSE, INCLUDING SOME AIR DEFENSE CAPACITY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ANGOLA IS A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN WHICH NO ONE GROUP DOMINATES THE OTHERS. WE HAVE MADE OUR DEEP CONCERN WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION KNOWN TO A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS,

INCLUDING THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, AND ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. KISSINGER

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